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SUBJECT: AMENDMENT TO SINGLE CONVENTION ON NARCOTIC
DRUGS (1961) CONCERNING CERTAIN PREPARATIONS OF PROPIRAM

1. SUMMARY: FRG HAS REQUESTED DIVISION OF NARCOTIC DRUGS (DND) TO AMEND SCHEDULE III OF SINGLE CONVENTION ON NARCOTIC DRUGS (1961) WITH RESPECT TO CERTAIN PREPARATIONS OF PROPIRAM. DND HAS REQUESTED CONCURRENCE OF OTHER PARTIES TO CONVENTION INCLUDING USG. DRUG ENFORCEMENT ADMINISTRATION PERCEIVES PROBLEM REGARDING PHRASEOLOGY OF PROPOSED AMENDMENT DESCRIBED BELOW. EMBASSY IS REQUESTED TO DISCUSS WITH FRG POSSIBILITY OF MAKING CHANGES SUGGESTED BELOW AND TO ADVISE DEPARTMENT OF FRG RESPONSE. END SUMMARY

2. FRG HAS REQUESTED THAT FOLLOWING AMENDMENT BE ADDED TO
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SCHEDULE III OF SINGLE CONVENTION ON NARCOTIC DRUGS (1961).

"PREPARATIONS OF PROPIRAM PROVIDED THAT:

(A) PROPIRAM IS MIXED WITH ONE OR MORE OTHER SUBSTANCES,
AND;

(B) THE CONTENT OF PROPIRAM PER DOSAGE UNIT DOES NOT AMOUNT
TO MORE THAN 100 MG AND THAT, IN THE CASE OF NON-SEPARATED
MODES OF APPLICATION, A CONCENTRATION OF 2.5 PERCENT IS NOT
BEING EXCEEDED."

3. PROPIRAM IS A NARCOTIC ANALGESIC SIMILAR IN ANALGESIC
ACTIVITY TO CODEINE AND PRESENTLY CONTROLLED IN SCHEDULE II

OF SINGLE CONVENTION. CERTAIN CODEINE-CONTAINING PREPARA-
TIONS ARE CONTROLLED IN SCHEDULE III OF THE SINGLE CONVEN-
TION AS FOLLOWS:

"1. PREPARATIONS OF ACETYLDIHYDROCODEINE, CODEINE, DIHY-
DROCODEINE, ETHYLMORPHINE, NORCODEINE, AND PHOLCODINE WHEN

(A) COMPOUNDED WITH ONE OR MORE OTHER INGREDIENTS IN SUCH
A WAY THAT THE PREPARATION HAS NO, OR A NEGLIGIBLE, RISK OF
ABUSE, AND IN SUCH A WAY THAT THE DRUG CANNOT BE RECOVERED
BY READILY APPLICABLE MEANS OR IN A YIELD WHICH WOULD CON-
STITUTE A RISK TO PUBLIC HEALTH; AND

(B) CONTAINING NOT MORE THAN 100 MILLIGRAMS OF THE DRUG PER
DOSAGE UNIT AND WITH A CONCENTRATION OF NOT MORE THAN 2.5
PERCENT IN UNDIVIDED PREPARATIONS."

4. ALL PRESENTLY AVAILABLE SCIENTIFIC INFORMATION INDI-
CATES THAT THE ABUSE POTENTIAL OF PROPIRAM IS NO MORE THAN
AND PROBABLY LESS THAN THE ABUSE POTENTIAL OF CODEINE.
THUS, ON THE EVIDENCE PRESENTED, IT APPEARS SAFE TO ALLOW
PROPIRAM PREPARATIONS TO BE CONTROLLED UNDER THE LESSER
RESTRICTIONS OF SCHEDULE III OF THE SINGLE CONVENTION IF
THESE PREPARATIONS REMAIN WITHIN THE LIMITS IMPOSED UPON
CODEINE PREPARATIONS IN SCHEDULE III. THE PROPOSED AMEND-
MENT FULFILLS THESE CONSTRAINTS TO THE EXTENT THAT IT PRO-
POSES A LIMIT ON THE AMOUNT OF PROPIRAM IN VARIOUS FORMU-
LATIONS; HOWEVER, THAT PART OF THE PROPOSAL DEALING WITH
THE QUALITATIVE COMPOSITION OF THE PROPIRAM FORMULATIONS
DOES NOT CONTAIN THE RESTRICTIONS CONTAINED IN THE SIMILAR
PART OF THE SINGLE CONVENTION.

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5. IT APPEARS FROM THE SUPPORTING MATERIAL SUPPLIED BY THE
FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY THAT THE PROPOSED FORMULATIONS
OF PROPIRAM ARE INTENDED TO FIT ALL THE RESTRICTIONS CON-
TAINED IN THE PRESENT WORDING OF SECTION 1, OF SCHEDULE III
OF THE SINGLE CONVENTION. HOWEVER, THE PROPOSED WORDING OF
THE REQUESTED AMENDMENT WOULD PERMIT PROPIRAM TO BE MIXED
"WITH ONE OR MORE OTHER INGREDIENTS" HAVING NO CAPABILITY
OF NEGATING OR MINIMIZING THE RISK OF ABUSE OF THE PRO-

PIRAM FORMULATION OR OF MINIMIZING THE POSSIBILITY OF EXTRACTING ABUSABLE QUANTITIES OF PROPIRAM FROM THE FORMULATION. SUCH PREPARATIONS WOULD NOT SATISFY ARTICLE 3, PARAGRAPH 4 OF THE SINGLE CONVENTION WHICH SETS THE STANDARDS FOR INCLUSION OF A DRUG IN SCHEDULE III.

6. WE SUGGEST THAT THE FRG REPHRASE ITS PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE SINGLE CONVENTION, ADDING PROPIRAM TO PART 1 OF SCHEDULE III, AS FOLLOWS:

"1. PREPARATIONS OF: ACETYLDIHYDROCODEINE, CODEINE, DIHYDROCODEINE, ETHYLMORPHINE, NORCODEINE, PHOLCODINE AND

PROPIRAM WHEN

(A) COMPOUNDED WITH ONE OR MORE INGREDIENTS IN SUCH A WAY THAT THE PREPARATION HAS NO, OR A NEGLIGIBLE, RISK OF ABUSE, AND IN SUCH A WAY THAT THE DRUG CANNOT BE RECOVERED BY READILY APPLICABLE MEANS OR IN A YIELD WHICH WOULD CONSTITUTE A RISK TO PUBLIC HEALTH; AND

(B) CONTAINING NOT MORE THAN 100 MILLIGRAMS OF THE DRUG PER DOSAGE UNIT AND WITH A CONCENTRATION OF NOT MORE THAN 2.5 PERCENT IN UNDIVIDED PREPARATIONS."

7. FOR BONN: PLEASE ADVISE OF FRG RESPONSE TO SUGGESTION.

8. FOR GENEVA: PLEASE INFORM MISS LUMSDEN OF UN NARCOTICS LABORATORY OF OUR SUGGESTION TO FRG AND ALSO DR. CHRUSCIEL OF WHO, OFFICE OF MENTAL HEALTH. KISSINGER

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